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For: ISOLATED CATHEPSIN L TYPE)
CYSTEINE PROTEASES AND)
REDUCING INTERCORNEOCYTE)
COHESION/PROMOTING)
DESQUAMATION THEREWITH)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the Paragraph Beginning at Page 1, Line 5 with the following:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/143,446,
filed on August 28, 1998, which claims priority from French Application No. 97-10818,
filed August 29, 1997, which are herein incorporated by reference.--